

In the Specification:

On page 4 in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section, please add the following after the paragraph that ends at line 14.:

B¹ -- FIGS. 6A and 6B respectively illustrate a conventional mouse and an illuminated mouse of the present invention. --

On page 8, please delete and replace the third paragraph (which starts at line 14) with the following paragraph:

B² -- An advantage of using a flexible luminescent sheet is the ability to provide illumination for non-traditional keyboards, such as ergonomic keyboards that are arcuate in shape in one or more spatial directions. Moreover, the methods of keyboard illumination disclosed herein can readily be adapted to any keyboard manufacturing process. This would enable a manufacturer of non-illuminated keyboards to quickly and inexpensively become a manufacturer of illuminated keyboards without developing an entirely new manufacturing process to accommodate specialized configurations. Further, the methods of the present invention disclosed herein can be implemented by any person of ordinary skill in the art to convert existing keyboards into illuminated keyboards. Moreover, the methods of the present invention disclosed herein can be applied to the manufacture of an illuminated mouse, by making the mouse buttons and exterior enclosure of an optically transmissive material and underlying these components with one or more luminescent sheets connected to a suitable power source. For example, with reference to Figures 6A and 6B, an illuminated mouse 655 is shown based on conventional mouse 605. In the depicted drawing, conventional mouse 605 includes upper exterior enclosure 607, lower exterior enclosure 609, left/right mouse buttons 611A/B, and mouse cable 613. Illuminated mouse 657 comprises the same general design, except that upper exterior enclosure 657 and/or mouse buttons 611A/B are formed from optically transmissive materials, and a desired combination of formed E-L lamps 667, 661A, and 661B are mounted under their corresponding optically transmissive components. Underlying E-L lamps 667 and 661 may be derived from bent and/or formed E-L sheets as discussed above. In addition, a suitable power source (not shown) is connected to the E-L lamps within mouse 655. --

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims by replacing claim 26 and adding new claims 27 and 28 as shown below. The amended changes are illustrated in Appendix A, and Appendix B shows the claims after the amendments have been implemented.

Please replace claim 26 with:

B³ 26. An illuminated mouse comprising:
one or more exterior mouse components comprising an optically transmissive material;
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